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SUBJECT: ENERGY STUDY

REF: (A) IAEA VIENNA 1700; (B) IAEA VIENNA 1614

1. US UNDERSTANDS (REFTEL AND DISCUSSIONS WITH US PANEL MEMBER LIVERMAN) THAT EXPERTS AT RECENT NEW YORK MEETING ON UNEP DRAFT ENERGY REPORT CONCLUDED THAT DRAFT AT THIS STAGE WAS UNSATISFACTORY AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT IT NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE THIRD SESSION OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH APPROPRIATE UNEP OFFICIAL TO ASCERTAIN SECRETARIAT'S INTENTIONS. IN FACE OF PANEL'S RECOMMENDATION AND VERY STRONG ADVERSE IAEA REACTION TO DRAFT REPORT IN ITS PRESENT FORM, WE BELIEVE THAT BEST COURSE OF ACTION FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TAKE AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS STAGE WOULD BE TO MAKE ORAL, INTERIM REPORT TO GC (PERHAPS IN CONTEXT HIS INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT), NOTING THAT TIME AVAILABLE SINCE SECOND SESSION HAS PROVED INSUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE THOROUGH STUDY AND THEREFORE SECRETARIAT WILL MAKE FINAL REPORT TO FOURTH SESSION. EMBASSY MAY INFORM UNEP SECRETARIAT INFORMALLY THAT US WOULD ENDORSE THIS STEP AT GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD TELL UNEP SECRETARIAT IT US VIEW THAT APPROPRIATE UNEP SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS MIGHT WELL CONSIDER HOLDING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH SELECTED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS DURING COURSE OF GC/III WITH VIEW TO DEFINING BEST COURSE OF ACTION IN COMPLETION OF STUDY. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO UNEP SECRETARIAT AS APPROPRIATE THAT US TAKING NO RPT NO OFFICIAL POSITION ON DRAFT REPORT SUBMITTED TO PANEL, INASMUCH AS DRAFT NOT SUBMITTED FOR GOVERNMENT COMMENTS. USDEL TO GC/III WILL BE PREPARED DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH UNEP SECRETARIAT.

4. FYI. DRAFT REPORT NOT ONLY IS INACCURATE AND SPOTTY IN COVERAGE, BUT ALSO RECOMMENDS UNEP ROLE WHICH EXTENDS INTO DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SOURCES AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF ENERGY. US ARGUED AGAINST UNEP GETTING INVOLVED IN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AT GC/II AND THOUGHT SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION ON ENERGY TOPIC SUSTAINED THIS POSITION. END FYI.

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